## **Hurricane Katrina Relief Efforts**

State employees have a reputation of being generous. This is evident every year during the Missouri State Employees Charitable Campaign. Many state employees began to inquire immediately after Hurricane Katrina struck about member charities which were providing support to hurricane victims and whether a special fund would be established by MSECC to aid victims.

Rather than set up a specific fund for Hurricane Katrina victims, MSECC is encouraging employees to donate to established member organizations involved in hurricane relief efforts. The following charitable organizations responded to a request for information about providing direct services to hurricane victims. **This list is by no means a complete listing of organizations aiding in relief efforts.** Many charitable organizations that ordinarily would not provide direct services outside Missouri are doing so now, such as United Way, Food Bank and Salvation Army organizations. Please review information on our website and contact charities directly for specific information about their involvement in relief efforts.

| Charitable Organization               | Code | Relief Information  |
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| America's Second Harvest              | 1221 | Food distribution, 800-344-8070                                     |
| American Red Cross                    | many | All member charities are involved, either by sending volunteers     |
|                                       |      | or staff, Emergency Response Vehicles (Capital Area), by hosting    |
|                                       |      | displaced victims of the hurricane, or by providing food, water     |
|                                       |      | and needed supplies. Contact area chapters for more information.    |
| American Society for the Prevention   | 9315 | Assist in rescuing pets left behind or separated from their owners. |
| of Cruelty to Animals                 |      | <u>-www.aspca.org</u> -   |
| Catholic Charities of Kansas City-St. | 8009 | Coordinating efforts with Catholic Charities USA to provide         |
| Joseph, Inc.                          |      | temporary housing, case management/counseling and volunteer         |
|                                       |      | coordination  |
| Central Missouri Food Bank            | 4309 | Part of 200 food banks around the country                           |
| Children's Feeding Network            | 9397 | Food and water to the hardest hit areas,                            |
|                                       |      | <u>-www.childrensfeedingnetwork.org</u>                             |
| Children's Hope International         | 9006 | Direct assistance to adoptive families – those who have adopted     |
| Foundation                            |      | or those in the middle of the adoption process.                     |
|                                       |      | <u>-www.CHIFoundation.org</u>                                       |
| Children's Mercy Hospital             | 3416 | Have received 24 patients from New Orleans Children's Hospital,     |
|                                       |      | funds to pay for family lodging, food and other needs. Volunteer    |
|                                       |      | Services 816-234-3496   |
| Church World Service                  | 9222 | Mental health counseling, mass care, long term recovery, 800-       |
|                                       |      | 297-1516  |
| Community Action Agency               | 5017 | Coordinated through Missouri Assoc. for Community Action            |
| (MACA)                                |      | (MACA), supporting its sister agency in Louisiana, St. Mary         |
|                                       |      | CAA (contact 573-634-2969)  |
| Diabetes Research & Wellness          | 9107 | Providing diabetes medical supplies to those in need                |
| Foundation                            |      |   |
| Giving Children Hope                  | 9343 | Pallets of food, water, hygiene products, diapers and baby          |
|                                       |      | formula, mobile kitchens, chain saws and generators                 |
| Humane Society of Missouri            | 8053 | Eight staff members sent to Mississippi to assist in the rescue of  |
|                                       |      | animals in distress   |
| Lutheran Family and Children's        | 8017 | Lutheran Disaster Response provides direct relief and recovery      |
| Services                              |      | services. <u>www.elca.org/disaster/</u>                             |

| Parents as Teachers | 9412 | When schools reopen, will work closely with families in helping  |
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|                     |      | their children deal with trauma.   |
| PetSmart Charities  | 9125 | Disaster relief effort to care for pet victims, food, crates, litter, beds, medical supplies, vaccinations, repairs to shelters, <a href="www.petsmartcharities.org">www.petsmartcharities.org</a> . |
| Salvation Army      | many | Sending officers and personnel to impacted areas, financial aid, food, water   |
| Samaritan Center    | 4026 | All services available to evacuees coming their way – food, clothes, legal care, medical/dental services, prescriptions.  Twenty in area as of 9/9/05.  _www.midmosamaritan.org.                     |